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**NOTICE OF INITIAL REPORT (Message Slip)**

To UFOFC Filed by SAM STONEKING & DAVID BREEDEN

The following UFO incident report was received at our office on 10/1/94

The incident occurred on SEPT 94 at ? AM ? PM

at/near Greensburg State IN County De Kalb

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photo by  
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**REPORTING PARTY:**

- ( ) Witness
- ( ) Reporting for witness

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION:**

Shape Crop circle Size \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ Sound N/A

Distance \_\_\_\_\_ feet Altitude \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Observed for: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Min. \_\_\_\_\_ Hr(s)

- ( ) Light Form Only
- ( ) Vehicle/Device
- ( ) Animal Reaction
- ( ) Physical Trace
- ( ) Psychological Event
- ( ) Parapsycholog. Event
- ( ) Physiological Event
- ( ) Electromagnetic Event
- ( ) Landing/Touchdown
- ( ) Humanoid or Creature?
- ( ) Time Loss
- ( ) Memory Loss
- ( ) Passed Overhead
- ( ) Within 200' of Gnd
- ( ) Under Cloud Ceiling
- ( ) Change In Motion
- ( ) Continuous Flight
- ( ) Stationary Target
- ( ) Anomalistic Motion

#### DECATOR COUNTY CROP CIRCLE-

The following physical trace report was investigated and filed by SSD/FI Sam Stoneking & FI Dan Mulford.

This strange marking, which is about twice as large as most UFO craft diameters, remains a mystery. The physical trace was discovered on September 29th during the afternoon by the landowner who was combining soybeans in the field. The field location is between Greensburg and Napoleon, IN. The circle was located in the far SE corner of the bean field, near where the east and south corn fields meet, probably 500' or more from the gravel road. Very few tracks were found, mostly tractor and a few other vehicles. No tracks were found inside the circle. The ground was very dry.

The circle diameter was approximately 60', almost a perfect circle. All bean plant stalks were layed over to the right, or clockwise. The action had to have happened in the past month in order for the bean pods to be so large and the plants at full height, possibly August.

An attempt is being made to get a copy of the aerial photo taken by the newspaper.

There were no UFO sightings reported in the area that might tie in with this event, therefore it must be listed on the computer as a "TC" or "trace case".

## REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF CROP CIRCLE IN DECATUR COUNTY , INDIANA

The circle was discovered on September 29 th. (94), by Ron Spreckelson while combining soybeans. Interviewing both Ron Spreckelson and his wife turned up nothing of and unusual nature. They had not seen strange lights, noise, bad T.V. , radio reception etc., nor had they heard anything from their friends and neighbors in the area regarding the same.

The circle measured approx. 64 ft. with the inner circle approx. 2 ft. 10 in.. The bean stocks were down in a clockwise direction, bent down near the ground . Some were broken, but I believe that was do to the drying out process. As close as one can get to the age is that Ron had sprayed the fields in July and it wasnt there then. The bean pods where all intact not knocked or drug off the stocks. No tracks, indentations in the ground were noticed, nor burnt or discolored vegetation.

Readings from gieger counter were not higher than background noise, no unusal magnetic distrubance recorded (compass), also a hydrocarbon vapor test was done , no readings were gained.

Soil sample was taken from the bare center of circle, along with samples of beans in the circle and outside as a control sample.

Inclosed in the report are copies of pictures taken by me, print from the news paper, and a video tape from T.V., from my point of view I can not say it was hoax or made from a extraterrestrial craft.

A closeing note, on October 27th. (94) I had gotten a phone reporting of a "bright light" had been seen several times late at night the passed few weeks, and that night of the phone call six helicopters were seen. This is approx. 2 air miles from the circle, this report is still being investigated.

# Unexplained circle found in bean field

By DAN LEE  
Assistant Editor

Ron Spreckelson was combining a field of soybeans Thursday afternoon when he noticed something strange — a perfect circle of smashed down beans.

There were no apparent footprint or vehicle tracks leading to or from the circle, which Spreckelson paced off as being about 50-feet wide.

After the circle was examined by family and friends, no logical explanations could be found.

"It's real weird," said Louise Spreckelson, Ron's mother. "We've never seen anything like it before.

"The beans within the circle are just completely mashed over. All round the rim (of the circle) the beans are just standing... There's no vehicle that ever mashed down any other beans."

Spreckelson added that there were no burn marks and only a few animal tracks around the circle.

The circle is near the southeast corner of a 40-acre soybean field in southeastern Decatur County.

Since the circle was discovered, about six people have examined the circle. One of the first people the Spreckelsons called was Patty Redding, who lives on a nearby farm.

Redding said the beans were broken off near ground-level with a bare spot in the ground near the center of the circle.

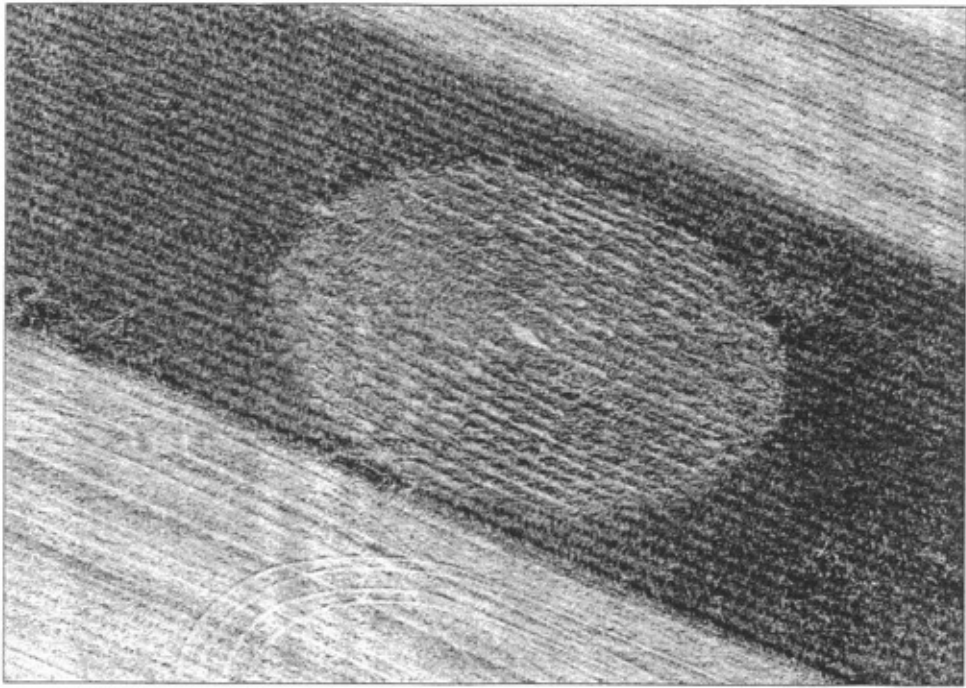
"It's just a strange phenomena. That's what we're calling it," Redding. "If somebody's playing a joke, it's a good joke, and we're enjoying it."

According to the National Weather Service in Indianapolis, no unusual weather occurrences were reported Thursday.



The unexplained circle pictured above is located in southeastern Decatur County on the Ron Spreckelson farm. The circle was found in a bean field on the farm. Spreckelson harvested beans around the circle after it was discovered Thursday. The photo was taken from about 600 feet above the ground.

Daily News photo by Kevin L. Davis





# AERIAL PHENOMENON RESEARCH - THE INDIANA GROUP

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



MUTUAL UFO NETWORK

10-9-94

## REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF CROP CIRCLE IN DECATUR COUNTY, IN

### BASIC INFORMATION:

**DISCOVERED:** ON 9-29-94 DURING AFTERNOON, BY OWNER COMBINING SOYBEANS IN THE FIELD

**LOCATION:** FIELD IS 1/4 MI. N. OF CO. RD 600S ON CO. RD. 600E, IN S.E. DECATUR COUNTY BETWEEN GREENSBURG AND NAPOLEON (IN RIPLEY CO.)

**OWNER:** RON SPRECKELSON, 4506 E 500S GREENSBURG IN 812-663--7296

**HOW REPORTED:** SEEN ON FRONT PAGE OF GREENSBURG DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY SEPT 30, 1994

### SUMMARY:

9-30-94 UPON READING OF THE CROP CIRCLE DISCOVERED BY FARMER SPRECKELSON IN DECATUR COUNTY, NOT FAR FROM THE RIPLEY COUNTY LINE, I CALLED SSD SAM STONEKING TO ADVISE HIM OF STORY, AND PLAN POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION. I WAS BUSY WITH TWO FULL TIME JOBS AND WAS UNABLE TO GO IMMEDIATELY. SSD STONEKING STATED HE WOULD GET A PAPER, AND CALL SPRECKELSON TO SEE IF WE CAN GET ON THE PROPERTY. I GAVE TELEPHONE AND ADDRESS I HAD FOUND ON HIM.

10-1 DID SOME BACKGROUND WORK ON SPRECKELSON AND FAMILY. FROM FIREMEN IN NAPOLEON AND OTHER FARMERS, ALL SAID HE WAS SERIOUS FARMER, WOULD NEVER RUIN CROPS TO PLAY A PRANK OR FAKE ANY TYPE OF CIRCLE REPORT. NOT KNOWN AS A PRACTICAL JOKER. ALL SAID HE IS BUSINESS MINDED AND NORMAL, CONSERVATIVE.

10-3 TALKED TO SSD STONEKING ABOUT HIS INVESTIGATION ON 10-1, ADVISED WE COULD GO BACK, AND EXACT LOCATION. ALSO, TRYING TO GET PHOTOS FROM NEWSPAPER, AS THE ARE AERIALS. RAN NO TESTS, DID TAKE SOME SAMPLES, NOTHING TO MAKE A CAUSE READILY KNOWN.

10-7 I ARRIVED ON SCENE AT 8:30 AM, BRIGHT SUNNY DAY. THE AREA HAD BEEN COMBINED AROUND THE CIRCLE SINCE THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN, AND IT WAS NOT VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD. I WOULDN'T HAVE FOUND IT IF NOT FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FROM SSD STONEKING. THE FIELD, EST. ABOUT 15 ACRES, BEAN FIELD, ON A GRAVEL, LITTLE TRAVELED ROAD. NO HOUSE SEEN ON IT OR THE ROAD TO IT, ALTHOUGH A HOUSE IS VISIBLE ABOUT 1/2 MI. TO THE NORTH OF THE SCENE.

THERE IS WOODS TO WEST OF THE FIELD(ACROSS THE GRAVEL ROAD) AND TALL CORNFIELDS BORDER TO SOUTH AND EAST, FENCE ROW AND ANOTHER BEAN AND CORN FIELD TO NORTH.

THE CIRCLE WAS LOCATED IN THE FAR S.E. CORNER OF THE BEAN FIELD, NEAR WHERE THE EAST AND SOUTH CORN FIELDS MEET. THIS WAS PROBABLY 500 FEET OR MORE FROM THE GRAVEL ROAD. VERY FEW TRACKS SEEN, TRACTORS, AND A FEW VEHICLES, NONE IN THE CIRCLE. THE GROUND WAS VERY DRY, AS NO RAIN IN THIS AREA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

THE CIRCLE WAS STEPPED OF BY ME TO BE ABOUT 60 ' BY 60 ' , ALMOST PERFECT CIRCLE. ALL BEAN PLANT STALKS WERE LAYED OVER TO THE RIGHT LOOKING ANY DIRECTION FROM THE CENTER, AND LOOKED AS IF BLOWN OR WASHED OVER IN A CLOCKWISE SWEEP AROUND THE CENTER. MOST WERE STRAIGHT IN LAYING IN THE SAME DIRECTION, NOT HAPHAZARDLY ACROSS EACH OTHER. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF A SWIRLING IN ANY PART OF THE CIRCLE, JUST THE ONE BIG SWIRL DESIGN. THE PLANTS SEEMED TO BE LAID OVER, SOME BROKEN OFF OR JUST BENT OVER. THE BEANS, LOOKED SOMEWHAT MATURE(I'M NOT A FARMER) AS THEY WERE BIG PODS, BUT NO DAMAGE SUCH AS CRUNCHED, TORE, PULLED OUT OF GROUND ETC. IT LOOKED SOMEWHAT LIKE GRASSES IN A FLOOD AREA, WHERE THEY ARE ALL BENT OVER IN THE SAME DIRECTION, BUT THIS WAS ALL LAID OVER IN THE SAME CIRCULAR DIRECTION. THE PLANTS WERE ALL DEAD LOOKING, BUT THERE WERE A FEW 3 TO 6 IN WEEDS GROWING WITHIN THE CIRCLE.

THE CENTER HAD WHAT LOOKED LIKE A BALD AREA, IN BETWEEN TWO ROWS, BUT THERE WAS NO PLANT RESIDUE OR SIGN OF PLANTS THERE. LOOKED MORE LIKE A WIDE SPACE BETWEEN ROWS. IT HAD BEEN DUG, LIKE SAMPLES TAKEN, AND SOME MARKS, FROM MANMADE SOURCES, POSSIBLY OTHER PEOPLE INVESTIGATING IT.

I TOOK A FEW PHOTOS. I THEN TOOK A GEIGER COUNTER, FROM RIPLEY COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE, LESS THAN TWO YEARS IN SERVICE, HAD BEEN RECENTLY RECALIBRATED. USING HEADPHONES, I SWEEPED THE CIRCLE IN QUARTER SECTIONS, BUT RECEIVED NO INDICATIONS OF ANY REAL LEVELS OF RADIATION, JUST AN INTERMITTANT "POP" IN THE HEADPHONES, PROBABLY BACKGROUND RADIATION, ON THE X100 SCALE. NOTHING ON X10 SCALE. NOTHING FOUND IN ANY AREAS OF THE CIRCLE. I ALSO USED A POCKET KNIFE TO RANDOMLY DIG OPEN SOME GROUND TO TEST, WITH NO READINGS. I ALSO USED A HYDROCARBON VAPOR TESTER , AND NO READINGS WERE GAINED IN THE CIRCLE EITHER.

THERE WERE NO IMPRESSIONS NOTICED, AS EQUIPMENT, OR LANDING PODS, OF FEET, RUNERS, ETC OF ANY KIND. FIELD GROUND LOOKED NORMAL. NO BURN SPOTS NOTICED.

THE AREA IS SO REMOTE, IF THE PHYSICAL ACTION, IE WIND, WATER, OR OTHER FORCE, USED TO LAY THE PLANTS OVER, CAME FROM THE AIR, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE NOTICED. THE ACTION HAD TO HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST MONTH OR SO TO HAVE THE BEAN PODS TO BE SO BIG, AND THE PLANTS AT FULL HIEGHT. POSSIBLY AUGUST.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED THIS CIRCLE, BUT THE FORCE SEEMS TO NOT HAVE DAMAGED THE PLANTS BADLY.

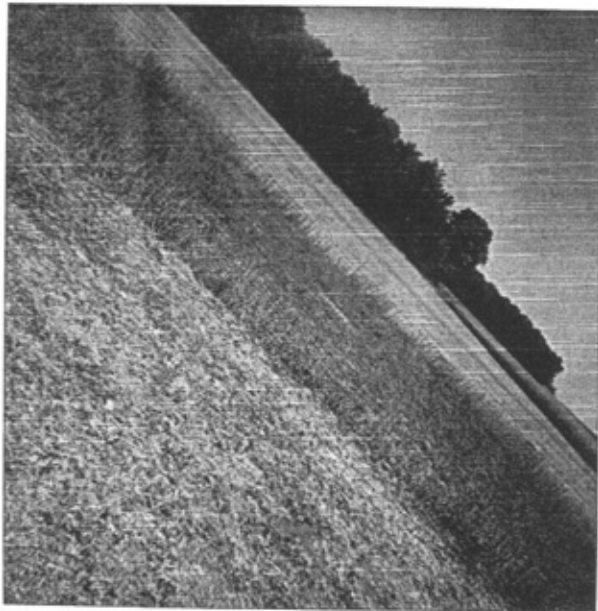
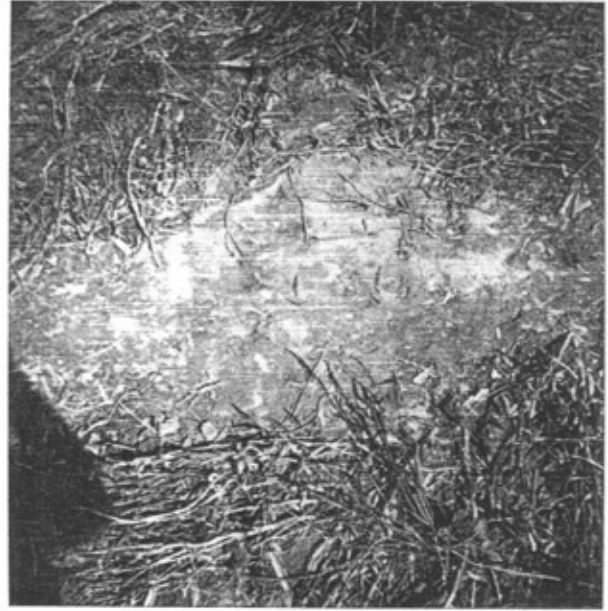
THERE IS NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME OF ANY OTHER CROP CIRCLES, OR ANY REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF AIR ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

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COPY TO SSD SAM STONEKING AND STATE DIR. RIDGE(FAXED)







# Crop circle found in county still defies explanation

By DAN LEE  
Assistant Editor

A mysterious circle found in a soybean field by a local farmer last week continues to baffle onlookers.

While combining a 30-acre plot of soybeans in southeastern Decatur County last Thursday, Ron Spreckel-son and his son Michael found a perfect circle of smashed-down bean stalks.

Ever since then the Spreckel-son farm has become almost a tourist attraction with visits from interested neighbors, UFO researchers and crop experts.

Possible explanations have ranged that the circle was caused by the weather, a helicopter, a hoax or a "crop circle" made by a UFO.

But there are still no definite an-

swers.

"We've had oodles of people come to see it," Spreckel-son said, estimating about 60 people have inspected the circle. "After they see it, they go back scratching their heads saying 'I don't know.'"

"As near as we can tell by the way the beans were, it happened about a month ago," he said. "It's a mystery to me."

Spreckel-son also said a seed representative inspected the beans in the circle and said there was no sign that a chain of board was used to knock down the beans.

The circle has no burn marks or apparent footprints or vehicle tracks leading to or from the remote field, according to some onlookers.

"Right now I can't determine

whether it was a hoax or was not a hoax," said Samuel Stoneking, field investigator with the volunteer research group MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). "It fits the pattern right now, but the verdict is still out."

Stoneking took soil and plant samples from the circle last Saturday. Inspecting the sight, Stoneking said he has ruled out that the circle was caused by either a helicopter or the weather.

For other UFO researchers, the circle is another in a long line of strange phenomena across the county.

"I suspect you have a bonafide crop circle," Peter B. Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, said in a telephone interview. "My opinion is

*"Right now I can't determine whether it was a hoax or was not a hoax. It fits the pattern right now, but the verdict is still out."*

## Samuel Stoneking Field Investigator

they are quite clearly caused by what we would call an UFO."

The UFO reporting center is a private, not-for-profit organization staffed by volunteer "UFO buffs," according to Davenport, who has not seen the crop circle in Decatur County.

He said there has been increased reports of UFO sightings and even encounters since early September at the reporting center.

Most crop circles, which can also be found in ice, snow and mountainsides, are real, but similar circles have been made by people pushing a board around a center radius, Davenport added.

"Something is going on that we don't understand."

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INDIANA GROUP INVESTIGATES CROP CIRCLE

PRESS RELEASE

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DURING THE LAST EIGHT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN EVER-INCREASING INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF UFOS. INTEREST HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER AND SIGHTINGS IN THE U.S. ARE ON THE INCREASE. THAT INCLUDES INDIANA, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON THE TOP TEN LIST FOR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS.

THE MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, THE LARGEST UFO INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD, HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS AT SEGUIN, TEXAS. THE INDIANA COMPONENT OF MUFON, KNOWN AS "THE INDIANA GROUP", IS HEADED BY FRANCIS RIDGE OF MT. VERNON, INDIANA.

ACCORDING TO RIDGE: "THE INDIANA GROUP IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING ABOUT TWO-DOZEN SIGHTINGS, ONE OF WHICH INCLUDES THE INVESTIGATION OF A CROP CIRCLE AT GREENSBURG. THE CROP CIRCLE, HAS NOT YET BEEN TIED TO A UFO EVENT, BUT IS A POSSIBLE TRACE CASE. THIS ONE IS BETTER DESCRIBED AS A "NEST", WHICH ARE MYSTERIOUS "SWIRL PATTERNS" IN CORN, BEAN FIELDS, ETC., THAT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED BY WIND VORTICES, LIGHTNING STRIKES, OR CROP DISEASES. THE MORE GLAMOROUS "CROP CIRCLES" REPORTED BY THE MEDIA ARE CALLED "PICTOGRAMS" AND ARE VERY DETAILED, MOST OF THE LATTER ARE ELABORATE HOAXES."

THE STATE ORGANIZATION CONSISTS OF OVER A HUNDRED PERSONS, EIGHT OF WHICH ARE STATE SECTION DIRECTORS COVERING THE MAJORITY OF INDIANA'S 92 COUNTIES. THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT GROUP IS COMPOSED OF 36 FIELD INVESTIGATORS.

THE LOCAL OPERATIVE FOR THE INDIANA GROUP IS SAM STONEKING OF HOLTON, INDIANA. STONEKING IS THE STATE SECTION DIRECTOR FOR INDIANA'S DISTRICT 7, WHICH INCLUDES EIGHT COUNTIES. STONEKING IS ASSISTED BY TWO FIELD INVESTIGATORS, DAVID BREEDEN OF GREENSBURG, AND DAN MULFORD OF OSGOOD.

WHILE UFO ACTIVITY WAS SLOW IN THE MIDWEST, RIDGE WROTE A BOOK. "REGIONAL ENCOUNTERS: THE FC FILES", DOCUMENTS A HUNDRED YEARS OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN THE REGION. THE BOOK IS ILLUSTRATED AND 170 PAGES IN LENGTH.

IN AUGUST, SHOWTIME PRESENTED THE MADE-FOR-CABLE MOTION PICTURE, "ROSWELL", WHICH DEPICTS VERY ACCURATELY, ACCORDING TO RESEARCHERS, WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE CRASH OF A UFO AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, IN JULY OF 1947. UFOLOGISTS ARE UNITED IN THEIR EFFORTS THIS YEAR TO GET THE TRUTH OUT ABOUT ROSWELL AND AIDING IN REP. STEVEN SCHIFF'S (N.M.) GAO INVESTIGATION.

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN ALLEGED UFO ABDUCTIONS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, BUT RIDGE FEELS THAT A LOT OF THESE ARE DREAMLIKE, BEDROOM VISIONS